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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER

PLEASE CONVEY URGENTLY TO PRESIDENT SARKIS THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR READINESS TO  
MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE, WHOM I AM SENDING TO THE MIDDLE  
EAST IN THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST TO CONCERT ON MY BEHALF  
WITH YOU AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE AREA ON THE SEARCH FOR  
A MIDDLE EAST PEACE. SECRETARY VANCE WILL ALSO WISH TO  
DISCUSS WITH YOU QUESTIONS, SUCH AS THAT OF SOUTHERN  
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TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT INTO  
THAT SENSITIVE REGION. THE SECRETARY WILL, OF COURSE, WANT  
TO CONSIDER WITH YOU WAYS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT  
BE HELPFUL AND SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS, AS, FOR EXAMPLE,  
IN RECONSTITUTING AN EFFECTIVE LEBANESE ARMY.

WITH RESPECT TO THE BROADER QUESTION OF REGIONAL PEACE,  
ALL THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS

DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WANT  
VERY MUCH TO REACH A FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.  
I BELIEVE THERE IS A COMMON DESIRE TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS. THIS LEADS ME TO HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL INDEED BE POSSIBLE THIS FALL.

THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE  
IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH WE SEE AS BEING CONDUCTED BY  
VARIOUS MEANS, INCLUDING TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE THROUGH  
OUR CONTINUING MEDIATION EFFORTS BOTH AT GENEVA AND BILATERALLY. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, IN THIS RESPECT, THAT MY VIEWS ON SOLUTIONS TO THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS REMAIN AS I DESCRIBED THEM ON PUBLIC OCCASIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE U.S. WILL BE GUIDED BY THESE VIEWS IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS MEDIATION ROLE.

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